

Seminar in Helsinki

The Finnish allotment Federation (Suomen Siirtolapuutarhaliitto) was co-**organisor** of a seminar entitled “*Invasive Alien Species in the Garden*”, arranged in the Think Corner at the University of Helsinki on April 9th 2019. The seminar was funded by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

In the seminar highly respected specialists covered many aspects of the title subject: legislation, plant pests and diseases, plants, bugs, soil and climate change. The seminar also included a call for observations on Spanish slug and the attendants were given advice on how to identify and do away with Persian Hogweed (*Heracleum persicum*) and *Impatiens glandulifera*. Furthermore, the Finnish Association for Nature Conservation presented their project VieKas LIFE, which aims at widespread mapping and prevention of invasive alien species as well as increasing the common awareness.

About 80 people attended the seminar which was also streamed live. The streaming video is published on the Helsinki University video channel and the Finnish Federation has edited the streaming into separate clips by subject and speaker. These are published on the federation’s [YouTube-channel](#).



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